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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 978

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Perez

February 26, 2009

An act to add Section 11547.5 to the Government Code, relating to the State Chief Information Officer.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 978, as amended, V. Manuel Perez. State Chief Information Officer: duties.

Existing law requires the State Chief Information Officer, until January 1, 2013, to work to improve organizational maturity and capacity in the effective management of information technology, and to establish performance management and improvement processes to ensure state information technology systems and services are efficient and effective.

This bill would require the State Chief Information Officer to ~~develop an online master application for businesses to file for state permits and licenses, and work in collaboration with other state agencies to accomplish this duty~~ *collaborate with the Department of Consumer Affairs to acquire a new, integrated, enterprise-wide enforcement and licensing system, as described, that will replace the current licensing and monitoring system being used by the department.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) California's dominance in many economic areas is based,
4 in part, on the significant role small businesses play in the state's
5 \$1.8 trillion economy. Businesses with less than 100 employees
6 comprise more than 98.3 percent of all businesses and are
7 responsible for employing more than 57.9 percent of all workers
8 in the state.

9 (b) Small businesses function as economic engines, especially
10 in challenging economic times. During the nation's economic
11 downturn from 1999 to 2003, microenterprises (businesses with
12 less than five employees) created 318,183 new jobs or 77 percent
13 of all employment growth, while larger businesses with more than
14 50 employees lost over 444,000 jobs.

15 (c) Regulatory burdens and costs continue to be a major concern
16 for small businesses. For the last 10 years, the federal Small
17 Business Administration has conducted a study that analyzes the
18 costs of federal government regulations on businesses. This
19 research shows that small businesses continue to bear a
20 disproportionate share of the federal regulatory burden. On a ~~per~~
21 ~~employee~~ *per-employee* basis, it costs about two thousand four
22 hundred dollars (\$2,400), or 45 percent, more for small firms to
23 comply with federal regulations than their larger counterparts.

24 (d) While the specific financial impact of state regulations on
25 small businesses is unknown, state agencies are required to consider
26 the costs of adopting regulations on the California economy, in
27 general, and on small business, specifically.

28 (e) Given these difficult economic times for small businesses,
29 it is fair and appropriate to expend resources to reduce the cost of
30 applying for ~~state-administered~~ *state-administered* licenses and
31 permits by developing an online master application.

32 ~~SEC. 2. Section 11547.5 is added to the Government Code, to~~
33 ~~read:~~

34 ~~11547.5. (a) The State Chief Information Officer shall develop~~
35 ~~an online master application for businesses to file for state permits~~
36 ~~and licenses, and work in collaboration with the Secretary of State~~
37 ~~and the Secretary of Consumer Services to accomplish this duty.~~

1 The State Chief Information Officer may delegate the development
2 of the actual application to an appropriate state agency.

3 ~~(b) The State Chief Information Officer shall do all of the~~
4 ~~following:~~

5 ~~(1) Establish the requirements for the initiation of the~~
6 ~~information technology project.~~

7 ~~(2) Define the resource requirements and proposed technical~~
8 ~~solution that is in compliance with statewide strategies, policies,~~
9 ~~and procedures.~~

10 ~~(3) Consult with state agencies during the initial project planning~~
11 ~~to ensure that project proposals are based on well-defined~~
12 ~~programmatic needs, clearly identify programmatic benefits, and~~
13 ~~consider feasible alternatives to address the identified needs of~~
14 ~~businesses that apply for multiple state licenses and permits over~~
15 ~~a period of time.~~

16 ~~(4) Work with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of~~
17 ~~Consumer Services to ensure that boards and commissions have~~
18 ~~the appropriate technical assistance to use and maintain the online~~
19 ~~application system.~~

20 *SEC. 2. Section 11547.5 is added to the Government Code, to*
21 *read:*

22 *11547.5. The State Chief Information Officer shall collaborate*
23 *with the Department of Consumer Affairs to acquire a new,*
24 *integrated, enterprise-wide enforcement and licensing system that*
25 *will replace the current licensing and monitoring system being*
26 *used by the department. The new system shall be Web based and*
27 *may include applicant tracking, licensing, renewal, enforcement,*
28 *monitoring, cashiering, and data management capabilities.*